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In re Appln. of: **Keizo Suzuki**
 Appln. No.: **10/648,067**
 Filed: **August 25, 2003**
 For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DISPLAYING NAVIGATION
INFORMATION**

Examiner: **Cuong Nguyen**
 Art Unit: **3661**

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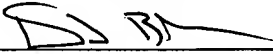
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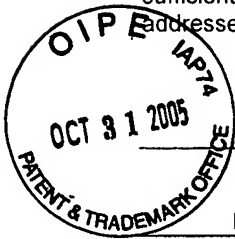
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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 26, 2005, Applicant has timely filed this Response by Certificate of Mailing. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to

withdraw the rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks.

In the Official Action of August 26, 2004, the Examiner rejected the pending claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. The Examiner maintained the previous grounds of rejection, interpreting “freshness information” to be any form of new information. In other words, the Examiner equated the display of information that is up-to-date with “freshness information.”

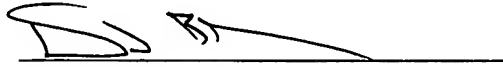
Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. The information that the Examiner asserts is inherent in the Ando reference constitutes data relating to a desired location, route, etc. that is used by a navigation system. Freshness information, on the other hand, informs the user about the reliability of that data.

“Freshness information” is claimed, not “fresh information.” Just as the date printed on a milk carton is different from the milk itself, freshness information is different from the data to which it relates. Freshness information tells the user about the reliability of a segment of data, it is not that segment of data itself.

The specification and the drawings demonstrate this distinction. As discussed in paragraphs 10-12, for example, freshness information assists the user in determining if the data to which it relates is reliable. In the embodiment shown in Figure 5, the freshness information is comprised of two columns of information: one that displays that the information is new and another that displays if the information is guaranteed. In the embodiment shown in Figure 6, the freshness information is displayed in the form of a reliability scale. The embodiment of Figure 8 uses color coding and text to provide freshness information. The freshness information is not the same as the data to which it relates.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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